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Mother Pleads to Abandoning Baby in Whittier Parking Lot

A 42-year-old mother pleaded no contest today for abandoning her newborn baby in a parking lot, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Dolores Adriana Cruz, a transient, entered the plea to one felony count of child abuse under circumstances or conditions likely to cause great bodily injury or death.

Deputy District Attorney Mariela Torres said Cruz was immediately sentenced to two years in state prison.

On Dec. 22, 2018, a good Samaritan heard a baby crying near the 11600 block of Washington Boulevard in Whittier and discovered the child naked on the pavement, the prosecutor said. Police were called and they located the mother nearby, the prosecutor added.

Case VA149530 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.